

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A recording medium playback device is provided which comprises: a recording medium accommodation unit for accommodating a plurality of recording mediums in a stacked array; a carriage chassis having at least a pickup, a turntable and a pickup moving means, the pickup moving means being adapted to move the pickup in the direction of playing back the recording medium; a moving means for moving the carriage chassis from a standby position to a position between the recording mediums accommodated in the recording medium accommodation unit to play back the recording medium; and a recording medium loading means for loading the recording medium inserted from outside into the recording medium accommodation unit; wherein when the carriage chassis is in the standby position, the pickup is situated on a vertical tangential plane which is tangent to an outer circumferential edge of the recording medium on the carriage chassis side at a point where the outer circumferential edge is intersected by a loading center line of the recording medium when the recording medium is completely loaded in the recording medium accommodation unit by the recording medium loading means.